

Weekly Events At  
**THE BRIDGE**

Men's Bible Study  
7-7:45 a.m. Mon.- Fri.

**Tuesday Night Bible  
Study & Fellowship**

5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6-6:30 p.m. Worship in Song  
6:45-7:45 p.m. Bible Study  
7:45-10:00 p.m. Open fellowship

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heaval in the lives of their family and friends.

God has blessed us with a unique ministry, and we feel that we are able to provide an atmosphere in which God can dramatically change people's lives. It is exciting to see the Spirit moving in the lives of the men in our home.

We ask for your prayers that God

would continue to use us and provide for us to continue in the work that He has called us to do. Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who supports our efforts through giving of yourselves in prayer and financial support. Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick...For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." (Matthew 9:12 & 13)

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# CROSSROADS

Newsletter

THE BRIDGE RESTORATION MINISTRY



## Message from the Director

In Psalm 119, we read, "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed to your word." (Psalm 119:9)

We believe that by the power of the Holy Spirit and the teaching of God's Word we are able to be collaborators with Christ as He provides healing to those He brings into The Bridge, and prepares them with a foundation for their future.

As the director of The Bridge Restoration Ministry, I am often asked about what we do here, and who it is that we are working with. After explaining about what we do and who enters into our home, the response many times is, "Oh, those people."

Who are "those people?" They are fathers, husbands, brothers, cousins, uncles, and neighbors who need help overcoming addiction to drugs, alcohol, and any other life dominating sin. Addiction is no respecter of persons, and has many victims of different ages, races, genders, and occupations. It will consume anyone and everyone it can, as well as causing deep emotional up-

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## Moving On **We've Moved!!!**

In May, *The Bridge Ministry Home* moved from its first location in Seaside, to a larger, beautiful, historic Victorian home in Pacific Grove. It was quite the endeavor but, with many people helping, everyone is settling in well with room to stretch out!

The location is awesome with an ocean view and a one block walk to the bike path. The Lord has truly provided a wonderful place for the continued work and growth of restoring men's lives back Himself, their families and the community.

Mike & Michele, the men of The Bridge and their families are excited about how the Lord is leading. They are looking forward to being a continued blessing and benefit to the local community and the peninsula.

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2008**

## October Annual Dinner/Auction

**The Bridge** will be having its second annual dinner/auction on October 10, once again at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

Last years' event took place in the beginning phase of our ministry and in the year since, we have seen incredible growth as God's hand has been upon us. It is exciting to see God at work, changing people from the inside out as they surrender their hearts and their lives to Him.

We want to again thank everyone that contributed to the greatly successful event last year, and we hope you will make room in your schedule for the next one in the fall. If for some reason you are not able to attend, please consider purchasing a ticket for someone else. We appreciate everyone who sponsored a table last year, and hope you would consider doing so again this fall. We of course would love to see some additional table sponsors, so if you were unable to last year but are in a position where you could contribute in that way this year, you would greatly aid our cause.



## First One-Year Graduate

A little over a year ago my daughter Cara searched the streets of Salinas until she found me and brought me to The Bridge. I had been living on the streets for several years, addicted to crack cocaine, homeless, and penniless, with several lengthy stints in the county jail. I had known a time in my life when I had a close walk with the Lord, and had been part of a Christian ministry called Shiloh, centered in Oregon, and was involved in the beginnings of Calvary Chapel Monterey Bay. I gradually strayed away from the Lord, beginning to smoke pot all day, every day, and later added tequila to the equation, which eventually cost me my marriage of 25 years.

When I ended up homeless as a result of my addiction, I would often pray for God's mercy and for Him to deliver me out of my bondage to drugs, to which I was truly a slave. When I arrived at The Bridge, I came in with only the clothes on my back. My feet had been burned in a fluke accident, and I could hardly walk. I had lost my driver's license several years previous, and had not worked at a steady job since then.

I wanted to get sober, but I realized that if the program I entered wasn't a Christ-based home that it wasn't going to work for me. In addition to being Biblically based, The Bridge has the atmosphere of a family home, where you become part of an extended family. We work together, eat together, study the Bible and worship God together. We also attending church together at Calvary Chapel Monterey Bay where the men here are able to make good new positive friendships, receive sound Bible teaching, and have the opportunity to serve in various capacities at the church.

The challenges are great in helping men get back on their feet, as most are broke and have lost their driver's licenses. Many are still working out situations that require court appearances, where Mike drives to Salinas and is present to talk to the judge on behalf of the men.

I have been able to restore my relationship with my children, and am now working again full-time as a carpenter. I am also enjoying being part of the worship team that plays music Monday nights at The Most Excellent Way meetings at Calvary Chapel, and am looking forward to what God has next for me in life.

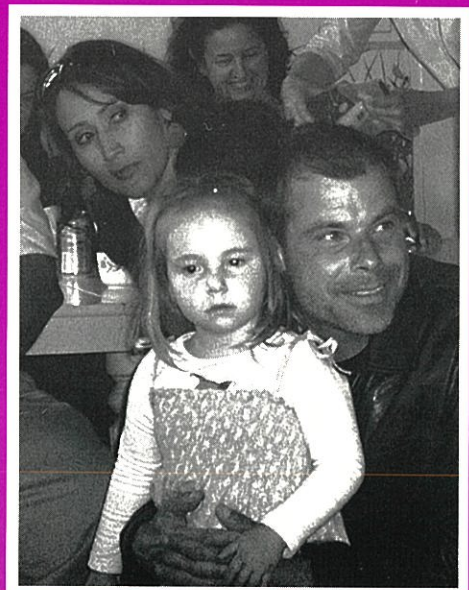
I thank God that he used my daughter in bringing me to The Bridge, and for the miracle He has done in my life. I appreciate Mike and Michele Casey who were willing to open their home to me to enable this healing to take place. And I thank God for my new brothers in Christ who live here, and who have become my good friends.

Jack Campbell.



## Helping our Neighbors

Recently a group of men from The Bridge Restoration Ministry pitched in to help a neighbor in need do some cleaning and trimming on his lovely Carmel property. It may not seem glamorous, but the men's efforts reflect their eagerness to do their part in revitalizing the community as they also revitalize their lives and spirits. The funds that The Bridge receives from this work go directly into our operating expenses, and they are greatly appreciated!



A good time had by all at a recent Bridge function.



## The Bridge contributes to the community

The Casey family and members of The Bridge are excited to be some of Pacific Grove's newest residents. It's easy to see the pride that the people of Pacific Grove take in their community...and with that... members of The Bridge do their part. Walking the bike path, removing litter and assisting neighbors in needs they may have, The Bridge has the opportunity to contribute back to this fine community.

The Gatehouse is providing a place where families can begin the process of rebuilding their lives. Lives that have been changed for the worse by addiction, separating men from their families, friends, and fellowship. For these men, Pacific Grove is their new beginning. The start of a new day, focusing attention towards benefiting others and removing the temptations of the past. Children, wives, and families are seeing the Light as their loved one's life takes on new meaning and purpose.

The Bridge will be helping out at Pacific Grove's annual Feast of Lanterns and at the 4th of July barbecue this year.

## Supporting The Bridge Ministry

As we have looked back over our first year of ministry, we realized early-on that mountains would have to be moved in order to accomplish the mission – restoring hurting men to God, family, and community. But, the Lord said “I can move mountains!” Well, we have seen many mountains moved along the way. And, just in the past week, He moved another big mountain when, after one year of waiting, praying, pushing, and praying some more, we finally received the official document giving The Bridge Restoration Ministry the 501c3 non-profit, tax-deductible status. We thank all who have helped move some of those mountains this past year through your prayers and through your financial contributions.

As we look forward to our second year of ministry, we are hopeful that The Bridge Ministry will be viewed as more than a religious ministry but as a community ministry. We ask all who would like to support this ministry in any way to contact us. If you would like someone you know to receive our quarterly newsletter, please let us know. We know the Lord is calling others to join Him in His ministry. If you sense His calling, please contact us.

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